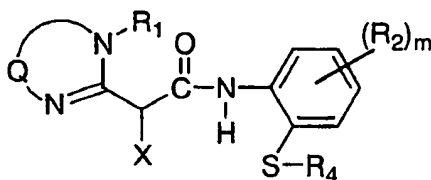


AMENDMENTS TO THE CLAIMS

The following list of claims is complete and replaces all prior versions. Please amend the claims as follows:

1. (Currently amended) A yellow dye-forming coupler represented by formula (I):

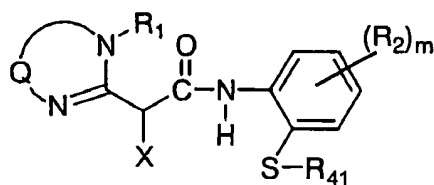
formula (I)



wherein Q represents a group of nonmetallic atoms that form a 5- to 7-membered ring in combination with the -N=C-N(R₁)-; R₁ is -(CH₂)₃O-R₁₀₁ in which R₁₀₁ is an alkyl group having 4 to 8 carbon atoms and R₂ ~~each independently~~ represents a substituent; R₄ represents an alkyl group; m represents an integer of 0 to 4; when m is 2 or more, the multiple ~~R₂s~~ R₂'s may be the same or different, and the ~~R₂s~~ R₂'s may bond with each other to form a ring; and X represents a hydrogen atom, or a group capable of being split-off upon a coupling reaction with an oxidized product of a developing agent; ~~and when R₄ represents a primary alkyl group, R₁ represents~~ (CH₂)₃O-R₁₀₁ in which R₁₀₁ is an alkyl group having 4 to 8 carbon atoms.

2. (Currently amended) The yellow dye-forming coupler as claimed in claim 1, wherein the yellow dye-forming coupler represented by formula (I) is a yellow dye-forming coupler represented by formula (IA):

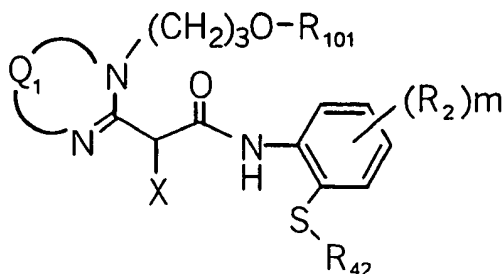
formula (IA)



wherein Q represents a group of nonmetallic atoms that form a 5- to 7-membered ring in combination with the -N=C-N(R₁)-; R₁ is -(CH₂)₃-O-R₁₀₁ in which R₁₀₁ is an alkyl group having 4 to 8 carbon atoms and R₂ each independently represents a substituent; R₄₁ represents a secondary or tertiary alkyl group; m represents an integer of 0 to 4; when m is 2 or more, the multiple R₂s R₂'s may be the same or different, and the R₂s R₂'s may bond with each other to form a ring; and X represents a hydrogen atom, or a group capable of being split-off upon a coupling reaction with an oxidized product of a developing agent.

3. (Currently amended) ~~The A yellow dye-forming coupler as claimed in claim 1,~~
~~wherein the yellow dye-forming coupler represented by formula (I) is a yellow dye-forming~~
~~coupler-represented by formula (IB):~~

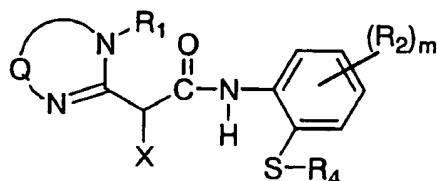
formula (IB)



wherein Q_1 represents a group of nonmetallic atoms that form a 5- to 7-membered ring in combination with the $-N=C-N((CH_2)_3O-R_{101})-$; R_{101} represents an alkyl group having 4 to 8 carbon atoms; R_2 represents a substituent; R_{42} represents a primary alkyl group; m represents an integer of 0 to 4; when m is 2 or more, the multiple R_2 's may be the same or different, and the R_2 's may bond with each other to form a ring; and X represents a hydrogen atom, or a group capable of being split-off upon a coupling reaction with an oxidized product of a developing agent.

4. (Currently amended) A silver halide color photographic light-sensitive material comprising at least one yellow dye-forming coupler represented by formula (I) in at least one layer provided on a support:

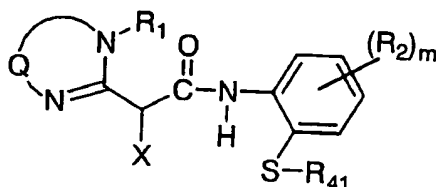
formula (I)



wherein Q represents a group of nonmetallic atoms that form a 5- to 7-membered ring in combination with the -N=C-N(R₁)-; R₁ is -(CH₂)₃O-R₁₀₁ in which R₁₀₁ is an alkyl group having 4 to 8 carbon atoms and R₂ ~~each independently~~ represents a substituent; R₄ represents an alkyl group; m represents an integer of 0 to 4; when m is 2 or more, the multiple ~~R₂s~~ R₂'s may be the same or different, and the ~~R₂s~~ R₂'s may bond with each other to form a ring; and X represents a hydrogen atom, or a group capable of being split-off upon a coupling reaction with an oxidized product of a developing agent; ~~and when R₄ represents a primary alkyl group, R₁ represents~~ (CH₂)₃O-R₁₀₁ in which R₁₀₁ is an alkyl group having 4 to 8 carbon atoms.

5. (Currently amended) The silver halide color photographic light sensitive material as claimed in claim 4, wherein the yellow dye-forming coupler represented by formula (I) is a yellow dye-forming coupler represented by formula (IA):

formula (IA)

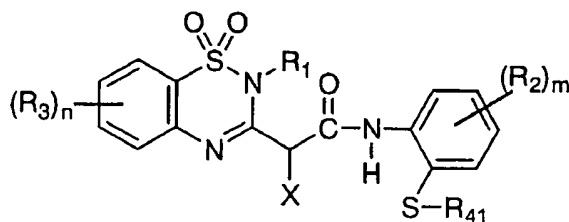


wherein Q represents a group of nonmetallic atoms that form a 5- to 7-membered ring in combination with the -N=C-N(R₁)-; R₁ is -(CH₂)₃O-R₁₀₁ in which R₁₀₁ is an alkyl group having 4 to 8 carbon atoms and R₂ ~~each independently~~ represents a substituent; R₄₁ represents a secondary or tertiary alkyl group; m represents an integer of 0 to 4; when m is 2 or more, the multiple ~~R₂s~~ R₂'s may be the same or different, and the ~~R₂s~~ R₂'s may bond with each other to form a ring; and X represents a hydrogen atom, or a group capable of being split-off upon a coupling reaction with an oxidized product of a developing agent.

6. (Original) The silver halide color photographic light sensitive material as claimed in claim 5, wherein Q in formula (IA) is a group represented by -C(-R₁₁)=C(-R₁₂)-SO₂- or -C(-R₁₁)=C(-R₁₂)-CO-, in which R₁₁ and R₁₂ are groups that bond with each other to form a 5- to 7-membered ring together with -C=C-, or they each independently represents a hydrogen atom or a substituent.

7. (Currently amended) The silver halide color photographic light sensitive material as claimed in claim 5, wherein the yellow dye-forming coupler represented by formula (IA) is a yellow dye-forming coupler represented by formula (IIA):

formula (IIA)

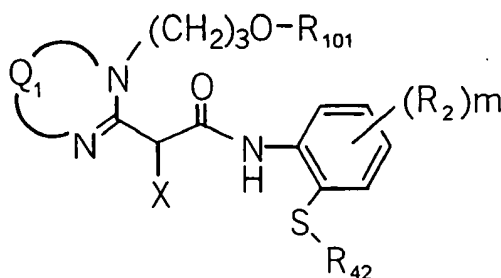


wherein R_1 is $-(CH_2)_3O-R_{101}$ in which R_{101} is an alkyl group having 4 to 8 carbon atoms and R_2 each independently represents a substituent; R_{41} represents a secondary or tertiary alkyl group; m represents an integer of 0 to 4; when m is 2 or more, the multiple R_2 s R_2 's may be the same or different, and the R_2 s R_2 's may bond with each other to form a ring; R_3 represents a substituent; n represents an integer of 0 to 4; when n is 2 or more, the multiple R_3 s R_3 's may be the same or different, and the R_3 s R_3 's may bond with each other to form a ring; and X represents a hydrogen atom, or a group capable of being split-off upon a coupling reaction with an oxidized product of a developing agent.

8. (Currently amended) ~~The~~ A silver halide color photographic light sensitive material as ~~claimed in claim 4~~, wherein the yellow dye-forming coupler ~~represented by formula (I)~~ is a

yellow dye-forming coupler represented by formula (IB) in at least one layer provided on a support:

formula (IB)



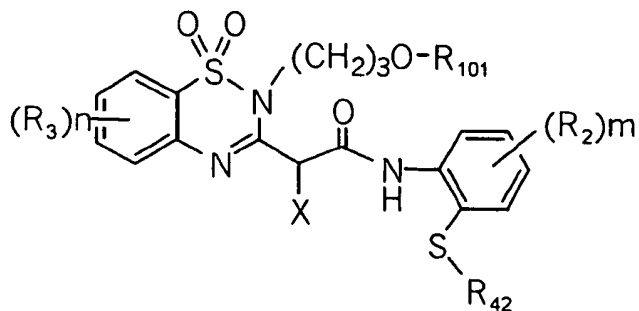
wherein Q₁ represents a group of nonmetallic atoms that form a 5- to 7-membered ring in combination with the -N=C-N((CH₂)₃O-R₁₀₁)-; R₁₀₁ represents an alkyl group having 4 to 8 carbon atoms; R₂ represents a substituent; R₄₂ represents a primary alkyl group; m represents an integer of 0 to 4; when m is 2 or more, the multiple R₂'s may be the same or different, and the R₂'s may bond with each other to form a ring; and X represents a hydrogen atom, or a group capable of being split-off upon a coupling reaction with an oxidized product of a developing agent.

9. (Original) The silver halide color photographic light sensitive material as claimed in claim 8, wherein Q₁ in formula (IB) is a group represented by -C(-R₁₁)=C(-R₁₂)-SO₂- or -C(-R₁₁)=C(-R₁₂)-CO-, in which R₁₁ and R₁₂ are groups that bond with each other to form a 5- to 7-

membered ring together with $-C=C-$, or they each independently represent a hydrogen atom or a substituent.

10. (Currently amended) The silver halide color photographic light sensitive material as claimed in claim 8, wherein the yellow dye-forming coupler represented by formula (IB) is a yellow dye-forming coupler represented by formula (IIB):

formula (IIB)



wherein R_{101} represents an alkyl group having 4 to 8 carbon atoms; R_2 represents a substituent; R_{42} represents a primary alkyl group; m represents an integer of 0 to 4; when m is 2 or more, the multiple R_2 's may be the same or different, and the R_2 's may bond with each other to form a ring; R_3 represents a substituent; n represents an integer of 0 to 4; when n is 2 or more, the multiple R_3 's may be the same or different, and the R_3 's may bond with each other to form a ring; and X represents a hydrogen atom, or a group capable of being split-off upon a coupling reaction with an oxidized product of a developing agent.

11. (Original) The silver halide color photographic light sensitive material as claimed in claim 8, wherein R_2 in formula (IB) represents a t-butyl group.

12. (Currently amended) The silver halide color photographic light sensitive material as claimed in claim 4, wherein the amount of the yellow dye-forming coupler is 1×10^{-3} mole to 1 mole per ~~mole~~ mole of silver halide.

13. (Original) The silver halide color photographic light sensitive material as claimed in claim 4, wherein an emulsion of the layer containing the yellow dye-forming coupler represented by formula (I) is a silver halide emulsion having silver chloride content of 90 mol% or more.

14. (Original) The silver halide color photographic light sensitive material as claimed in claim 13, wherein the silver halide emulsion is doped with an iridium complex.

15. (Original) The silver halide color photographic light sensitive material as claimed in claim 4, wherein a hydrophilic colloid layer is provided between the support and a color-forming silver halide emulsion layer nearest to the support.